

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

August 05, 2009

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2005-385-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

**SUBJECT:**

DOCKET NO. 2005-385-E - Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 - Discuss this Matter with the Commission.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

The parties have succeeded in reaching a settlement in what has been a challenging and complex docket, and I believe they should be applauded for doing so. I would also like to express the Commission's appreciation for the work many of the parties carried out regarding the preparation of the Report entitled *Net Metering in South Carolina: Current Status and Recommendations*.

The parties have presented us with the details of that Net Metering Report and the Settlement Agreement that flowed from the recommendations found there, and have answered Commission questions regarding each. Upon review of the record, I have the following motion:

- The Companies will adopt the net metering recommendations of the Net Metering Report insofar as:
  - a. The Companies will standardize the net metering program structure for uniformity among the three Companies, providing them to the Commission for review and approval, pursuant to hearing only if necessary, with the understanding that differences may exist among the language and descriptions used in tariffs and rate schedules of the Companies;
  - b. That the flat rate option for residential customers will be modified to reflect 1:1 standard retail rates for excess energy credits;
  - c. Stand-by charges for residential customers will be eliminated;
  - d. Renewable energy generators will retain ownership of RECs until a market for RECs is fully developed. After a market for RECs is fully developed, then, annually, any RECs associated with net excess generation shall be granted to the Companies when the net excess generation balance is set to zero; and
  - e. The Companies shall report annually to ORS, the SC Energy Office, and the Commission regarding the number of net metering customers by renewable energy generator type, in order to allow for continuing assessment of net metering programs; this report shall be filed within forty-five (45) days after December 31 of each year.
- The Companies may recover cross subsidization that may be created from the 1:1 standard retail rates for excess energy subject to measurement and verification and approval of this Commission.
- The net metering process and recommendations may be reviewed within four years, at the call of the Commission or the request of the parties.
- The Settlement Agreement will be incorporated into and made a part of the

Commission's Order. Further, the Settlement Agreement constitutes a reasonable resolution to this proceeding and is hereby adopted as such, with the clarifying changes as noted above regarding reporting, approval and scheduling.

- The Companies shall file revised net metering tariffs consistent with the terms and conditions set forth herein within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order.

PRESIDING: Fleming

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MITCHELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WRIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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